



The City of Belmont Poet Laureate

Application

The City of Belmont and the Belmont Public Library are looking for an Official Poet Laureate to act as an ambassador and advocate for poetry, literature and the arts. The Poet Laureate will be an honorary 3-year position.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The Poet Laureate must be a Belmont resident 18 years of age or older who has been recognized for poetry and literary contributions.
- The Poet Laureate must be available to serve a 3-year term.
- The Poet Laureate must demonstrate a commitment to and passion for poetry and embrace the opportunity to engage in community service to make poetry more accessible and available.

Responsibilities of the Belmont Poet Laureate:

- The Poet Laureate will act as an ambassador for Belmont by presenting appropriate works at a minimum of three community sponsored events during each year.
- The Poet Laureate will encourage poetry in the schools by reaching out to local schools to do at least one of the following: poetry readings, addressing school students at assemblies or judging school poetry contests.
- The Poet Laureate will write at least one commemorative poem about Belmont over the course of his or her tenure.
- The Poet Laureate will open a City Council meeting with a poem once each year.

Applications are due by mail or can be dropped off in person
to the Belmont Public Library by
FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 2015 at 6pm no exceptions.

Belmont Public Library
c/o Mary Frances Frayne
1110 Alameda De Last Pulgas
Belmont, CA 94002
(650) 591-8286

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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____ Home #: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reference Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____ Home #: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Please provide the following accompanying documents:

Applicant:

- ◆ Write 2-3 paragraphs on why you should be Belmont's Poet Laureate. How would you contribute and participate as Belmont's Poet Laureate?
- ◆ Provide a current resume of professional activities and achievements, including significant awards and training, selected exhibitions, presentations and/or publications.
- ◆ Provide up to 10 pages of poetry. Please include on each page the title of your poem and your name.

Reference:

- ◆ Please provide a letter describing the applicant's accomplishments and qualifications. Why should the applicant be Belmont's Poet Laureate?

* Finalists will be contacted for an interview.